

MAYOR INSPECT SERVICE DELIVERY FOLLOWING PUBLIC OUTCRY

The Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Andrina Matsemela accompanied by EXCO members, Councillors, Managers and officials from the municipality have on Thursday embarked on the Mayor's week-long service delivery inspection in some parts of the municipality.

Mayor Matsemela and the entourage were responding to public outcry following challenges raised during the 2017/18 IDP Budget Mayoral Roadshows. During the IDP Budget Roadshows Mayor Matsemela promised that if push comes to shove she and the councilors will go patch potholes, clean the graveyards, de-bush etc.

Mayor and the entourage visited the Mokopane graveyard in town to attend to some of the issues which were raised during the roadshows and also attend to the challenges raised by the municipal employees who are working the graveyard.

The officials working at the graveyard indicated that the TLB they use for digging graves has not been working for almost three years, shortage of working equipment's, the environment is not conducive and no fencing at the grave yard.

Divisional Head for Parks and Recreation Mr Gerhard Meyer said, "We have about 50 meters space available that we can use for a period of more than 12 years as we are finalising the processes of the Regional Cemetery that we mentioned during our Integrated Developmental Plan (IDP) roadshows. The regional cemetery will cover all the communities of Mogalakwena."

They later visited Mokopane dumping site, also to attend problems raised during the roadshows and raised by the employees. Issues at the dumping site ranges from provision of recycling machines, rest rooms for the workers, shortage of staff, sometimes the landfill catches fire because of paints that are been disposed at the site and weigh bridge that is not yet operating.

They then visited Mokopane Wrestling club, Mokopane sports grounds which need serious maintenance and upgrading. They then proceeded to Extension 12 in Mokopane where there is vacant land which has not been occupied by people who purchased that land.

Mayor Matsemela emphasized that the land beneficiaries will be contacted because there is a policy that compels them that when they buy land it must be occupied within three years. Mayor Matsemela also raised a safety concern to those who are residing next to the vacant because now the area is turning to a bush.

They finally visited Extension 14, 19 and 20 where the main issue is illegal dumping and Mayor Matsemela indicated that the municipality has to come up with a programme to educate residents about this issue.

"It is our responsibility to ensure that municipal officials have sufficient tools of trade that complements their line of duty," said Mayor Cllr Andrina Matsemela.